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The After Party

Wednesday Nights at 11 on Channel 8

A Whole New Way to Celebrate Houston's Performing Arts Scene
Premiering February 9

Over the years, Houston's artists and arts organizations have enchanted local audiences, toured the world, performed before royalty, and premiered on Broadway, however they seem to have vanished from local television. Now, HoustonPBS is reversing that trend with "The After Party," a bright new talk show focusing on the arts and artists in Houston. Ernie Manouse hosts the party, as his guests talk about what's new in-and-around the theatre district, and tell their best dinner party stories.

Guests for the premier episode are: Actor, Bettye Fitzpatrick from the Alley Theatre, Jean Jacque Pillet from Cirque du Soleil, and vocalist Deborah Boily.

"The After Party" adapts the time-honored, late-night talk format to serve up an enjoyable mix of interviews with people-in-the-know, epic live performances, humorous behind the scenes stories, man-on-the-street reviews, and dueling critics.

No one will want to miss the "Review Board," a segment that pairs local critics in three game show-style rounds timed with a 60-second buzzer. This week's "Review Board" matches music critics Michael D. Clark (*Houston Chronicle*) and John Lomax (*Houston Press*.) All of these elements add up to a fast-paced, entertaining, 30-minute weekly show. So join us, Wednesday nights beginning February 9th at 11 p.m. on Channel 8!

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